

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, May 21, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board: Eileen Francolino, Kathy Zolad, Mary Udice, Richard Khentigan, Ed Marchion, Don Woods, Jim Marocchini

Board Members Absent: Jen Win-Johnson, Robert Fresen, Jeff Perillo, Bill DeBlasio

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 16, 2013

Mary Udice made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting. Jim Marocchini seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote. Don Woods abstained because he was absent from the last meeting.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

Monthly Report FROM SUPERINTENDENT BRUCE TILL

In preparation for summer, the Parks and Recreation Department has hired between 125 to 150 summer employees. Summer staff training will begin early spring until the programs begin to operate, a lot of time and effort goes into training. A few key people and some teachers have returned for another year as staff for camp and aquatics programs. All seasonal positions have been filled, have taken some fields offline to bring them up to standards, (ie: overseeding and fertilizing), JV football field and north field. The Turf field has helped and given the department the ability to take other fields offline and fix them up

Union negotiations have not gone well and may end up in arbitration.

Special Events: Fishing Derby, Relay for life and Road Race. These events are only staged by Parks Department and coordinate department staff to work these events.

Pavilions are being used every weekend, registration is high, again coordinating staff to clean areas over the weekends. Spring has been very busy.

Mill Pond Tennis courts will be ready for use by Memorial Day.

Tree work is still going on and still cleaning up from all the storms. Road side mowing and trimming are going on now and things will be looking better.

Don concerned about the state of the synthetic turf field trash, clean up and gates left unlock. Chris has been on top of the situation and made youth coaches aware and no complaints since last meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Pool Analysis has been done and draft report has shown line items with figures to fix various issues, amount is costly. Report is broken down by code violations, mechanical issues and recommendations. First steps taking care of some of the issues that can be done in house by the

department such as tripping hazards, signage and containment. Main issue at Churchill pool is leakage. Air compression tests did not work so a gas test was done and found major problem with a 6" line that goes around the pool, three of the major leaks will be repaired and will cut down on water loss. Diving wells in Mill and Churchill do not meet code, boards will be removed, may replace with a lower meter board or a slide. Bruce met with the health department regarding drain pipe and suction, since Weston-Sampson is a Massachusetts based company codes are different between the two states. Drain-pipe is not meeting code, it is recommended a vac relief valve (for pressure relief) to be put into both pools. Still working with Weston-Sampson, CMR, Inc. to get a final report done on the pools.

Golf Tournament was very successful 106 Golfers, revenue about \$20,000 and expenditure unknown at this point but the department should make approximately \$10,000 plus from the tournament for the parks and recreation department to put back into the special revenue fund. Eileen suggests saving the money made annually from the golf tournament for the turf field when work needs to be done to it.

Playscape poured in place is rapidly deteriorating and pulling away from curbing, becoming a hazard. Bruce looking into filling the voids in with crumb rubber or removing poured in place and filling with wood fiber for the near future before any accidents occur. Mary Udice would like to check with Boundless Playground to see if it will be in violation of the agreement we have with them if the surfacing of the playground is changed. At the time the playground was built Parks and Rec paid a \$5,000 fee to Boundless Playground for the Mill Pond Play scape to be called a "Boundless Playground" and met the criteria needed to be called just that. She stated that wood fiber is ADA recognized but is difficult for a person with a wheel chair or walker and is not as easily accessible. We may not be obligated contractually with Boundless Playground it is just stated on the Castle of the Play scape that is "Boundless." Bruce mentioned to do over just the poured in place and not covering drainage would cost up to \$120,000 and to include sub base and base material could be up to \$250,000. To keep the playground open and replace with the base with wood fiber until more funds are secure the cost would be approximately \$10,000. Mary will talk to Boundless and Bruce will look into the wood fiber.

Community Center The committee meeting met, Castle Boos hired as architect. They are familiar with the infrastructure of the town buildings. The committee has been asked to move forward with Castle Boos, they will making a presentation at the next meeting June 3. They are still looking into a detached building, waiting for square footage and a number. Downes has a good relationship with Castle Boos. Jimmy mentioned including the Boundless Playground with the new community center, Don agrees move everything to the new community center on a campus and convert the old space to in fields.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Jim Marocchini to adjourn. Mary Udice seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm with a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jay